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SECOND GUILTY PLEA ENTERED IN MILLION DOLLAR INSURANCE FRAUD CASE

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that this morning, San Antonio businessman Roland Villarreal admitted to defrauding an insurance company of more than \$1.3 million.

Appearing before United States District Judge Fred Biery, the owner of purported construction business R.F. Villarreal and Associates pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering. As a result, Villarreal faces up to 20 years in federal prison.

In pleading guilty, Villarreal admitted that from October 1996 through 2002, he, along with former Allstate Claim Service Adjuster Chandler S. Bruton, schemed to pocket \$1,337,319.45 stemming from 408 false insurance claims. According to court records, Bruton issued claims payment checks to Villarreal despite the fact that Villarreal provided no services, or on the rare occasions that services were provided, provided services that were substandard.

On December 22, 2005, Bruton pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit insurance fraud. He faces up to five years in federal prison. Sentencing for both defendants is scheduled for 8:30 am on April 7, 2006.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Judith Patton is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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